



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION

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Greetings:

Summer marks the time for Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP) re-certification training by the Child Support Division's Paternity Opportunity Program (POP) staff. This year training seminars begin June 11, 2012, and end August 30, 2012. We are pleased to provide all attendees with a brand new AOP training manual that includes new legislative regulations and updated Vital Statistic forms.

As you are aware, the law requires annual certification for each individual who registers births and who talks to unwed parents about establishing the legal relationship between a child and his/her biological father by completing an AOP form. **(Note: Your current certification is valid until you attend a 2012 re-certification seminar.)**

You will find enclosed a list of sites, dates and times for all of the seminars. I invite you to select a class that best accommodates your schedule. All seminars will last approximately 3 ½ hours and are **free of charge**. I do ask that you arrive on time for the training. We will not be able to seat anyone 15 minutes after the session has begun. All attendees must pass a test administered at the end of the session in order to receive their certification.

Please complete the enclosed registration form and fax it to the trainer in the area where you will attend the AOP training session. Register only once. We are **unable to provide confirmation** to the registrants. If you have any questions or need more information, I welcome you to visit our website www.texasattorneygeneral.gov or contact Amanda Esquivel at (512) 460-6338.

We look forward to your attendance. Thank you for all you do to help the children of Texas.

Sincerely,

Charles Smith
Deputy Director for Child Support

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